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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING CONTACT OPENING DIMENSIONS USING SCATTEROMETRY**" the Specification of which:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

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